

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of providing a spray formed composite article, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a first article, the first article being a spray formed article;
- (b) locating a second article adjacent the first article;
- (c) spraying metallic particles onto the articles; and
- (d) allowing the sprayed metallic particles to form a metal deposit extended between and connecting the first and second articles.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in step (b) a gap is formed between the first and second articles when the second article is located adjacent the first article.

3. (Cancelled) ✓

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A/ 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 2 wherein each of the first and second articles each have (i) upper surfaces spaced apart a first distance from each other and (ii) end surfaces that ~~face each other and are spaced apart from each other a second distance, less than the first distance~~ have portions that contact each other and each of the first and second articles have intermediate surfaces extending between and connecting each respective end surface with each respective upper surface.

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5. (Cancelled) ✓

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A2 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 4 wherein each of the

intermediate surfaces extend at an angle of 5° to 60° 25° relative to each respective upper surface.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a reinforcing member is provided proximate the first and second articles and a metal spraying device is provided for spraying the metal particles of step (c), the first and the second articles being located between the metal spraying device and the plate reinforcing member.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the metal deposit extends between and connects the reinforcing member with at least one of the first and second articles.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein a two masking devices are provided, each masking device ~~is provided being~~ adjacent an end portion of each of the upper surfaces of the first and second articles.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one of the masking devices has a cutout portion extending away from the end portion of the upper surface.

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11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein the first article has a first thickness and wherein the first distance is about two times the first thickness.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 2 wherein the metal deposit has at least a portion that extends above the at least one of the upper surfaces.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further ~~comprises~~ comprising the step (e) of grinding the metal deposit to form a portion of the deposit that is essentially coplanar with at least the upper surface of one of the articles.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second article is not a spray formed article.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the second article comprises a securing member.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the second article is located on the first article in step (b).

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein each of the articles have an interface surface that substantially cooperates with each other.

18-26. (Cancelled) /

AS 27. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the second article comprises a spray formed article.

( 28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the temperature of the articles is monitored and maintained below 400°C during step (c).

29. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the temperature of the articles is monitored and maintained between 20° to 400°C during step (c).

30. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the sprayed metallic particles are allowed to air cool to room temperature to form the metal deposit.

31. (New) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step (f) of smoothing the grinded metal deposit to form a composite article having an essentially seamless upper surface.

( 32. (New) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of providing at least a second metal deposit that extends between and connects the reinforcing member and at least one of the articles.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the reinforcing member comprises a metal plate.

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34. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the second article comprises a fastening member for fastening the composite article to a structure.

35. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the interface surfaces are sinusoidal-shaped.

36. (New) A method of providing a spray formed part forming tool, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a first spray formed steel article;
- (b) locating a second spray formed steel article adjacent the first article;
- (c) spraying steel particles onto the articles while monitoring and maintaining the temperature of the articles between 20°C to 400°C;
- (d) cooling the sprayed steel particles to room temperature to form a metal deposit extending between and connecting the first and second articles;
- (e) grinding the metal deposit flush relative to the articles; and
- (f) smoothing the deposit to form a spray formed part forming tool.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the deposit is allowed to air cool to room temperature.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of placing a reinforcing plate adjacent the first and second articles prior to step (c) in an orientation that results in the deposit extending between and connecting the reinforcing plate and at least one of the articles at a first location, wherein after step (d), a second deposit is spray formed to extend between and connect the plate and at least one of the articles at a second location different from the first location.